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Ensuring a Tradition of Excellence

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BURLINGTON RESOURCES GIVES \$250,000 TO UM FOUNDATION

MISSOULA --

The Burlington Resources/Meridian Oil Foundation has given The University of Montana Foundation \$250,000 for the University's Capital Campaign, "Ensuring a Tradition of Excellence."

Meridian Oil, a wholly owned subsidiary of Texas-based Burlington Resources Inc., placed no restrictions on the gift's use within the \$40 million campaign. The company's philanthropy program directs funding for "improvement of the quality of education." Academic program enhancements is one of four components of UM's Capital Campaign.

The Meridian gift brings the total of business and corporate contributions to the Capital Campaign to more than \$8 million, or 24 percent of the total campaign contributions raised so far, said Monica Paoli, UM Foundation assistant executive director for development.

T.W. Dyk, Meridian vice president for regional operations in Denver, presented the \$250,000 check to UM President George Dennison and Larry Morlan, executive director of the UM Foundation. In accepting the gift, Dennison commented on the importance of unrestricted gifts.

"The goal of our campaign is to maintain the spirit of excellence that has characterized The University of Montana throughout its history in whatever form the future demands," Dennison said. "Unrestricted gifts allow the University to achieve this goal."

As the second largest oil producer in Montana and the most active driller in the state this

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year, Meridian has an interest in supporting the state's universities, Dyk noted. A pro-business commitment by the state, and especially by Governor Marc Racicot, makes Montana an attractive climate in which Meridian can operate, he added.

Expressing gratitude from the UM Foundation, Morlan said, "Meridian's civic attitude is exemplary. Companies that are willing to support the education of citizens in a state where they are active set a very fine example to other corporations operating in Montana."

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